

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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July 21, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT
PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for Paramount Boulevard in the City of Lakewood.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amount and the changes for Project ID No. RDC0014847 - Paramount Boulevard, to resurface and reconstruct roadway pavement; reconstruct curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; construct curb ramps; install striping and pavement markings; and modify traffic signals, in the City of Lakewood, being performed by Hardy & Harper, Inc., for utility potholing and relocation, additional various bid quantities required for the intended work, and root pruning and grinding, with an increase in the contract amount of \$74,194.

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#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for the changes in a public works contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the attachment.

The Director of Public Works or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Attached for your authorization is a change in work, which is in excess of the Director of Public Works delegated limit which are required to complete this project.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amount for this contract is \$74,194.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for the project to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the attachment.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the attachment do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

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#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the attachment.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)
July 21, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014847 - PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD (City of Lakewood), Supervisorial District 4, Contractor: Hardy & Harper, Inc.

## **Project Description:**

Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; construction of curb ramps; installation of striping and pavement markings; modifications of traffic signals; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

### Changes in Work:

(1)	Variations in Bid Quantities	\$39,444.00
(2)	Relocation of Irrigation Main Line and Street Light	6,500.00
(3)	Exploratory Excavations	2,000.00
(4)	Root Pruning, Removal, and Grinding	21,750.00
(5)	Street Light Repair	4,500.00
	Total	\$ <u>74,194.00</u>

## Description of Changes:

- (1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.
- (2) It will be necessary to relocate the irrigation main line and street light on Paramount Boulevard at two locations that interfere with the installation of the new bio retention basins.
- (3) To verify the depth and location of existing utilities, it will be necessary for the contractor to perform exploratory excavations. This work is not shown on the plans.
- (4) It will be necessary to prune, remove, and grind extensive roots that interfere with the installation of ten bus pads.
- (5) It will be necessary to repair a street light conduit damaged by root pruning. This conduit is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 will be based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 4 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The costs for Items 3 and 5 will be on a time and materials basis as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Fourteen additional working days will be required because of these changes.

# Financial Information:

This project is included in the Fourth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Road Fund Budget.

# **Revised Contract Amount**:

Original contract amount Changes in work to be authorized	\$1,777,000.00 <u>74,194.00</u>
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>1,851,194.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	4.2%

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